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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENT OF GEMS

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH BOTH GEMS DIRECTOR SELLA AND ASSISTANT EXDIR FROSCH, STRESSING IMPORTANCE TO USG OF EARLY ACTION ON DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GEMS. SELLA EXPLAINED THAT HIS ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FOR AND AD HOC GROUP OF GOVT EXPERTS TO ADVISE UNEP ON DATA TO BE REQUESTED FROM MEMBER STATES COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN TWISTED AROUND TO FIT USG'S SUGGESTED SMALL TASK FORCE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THIS IDEA WAS NOT AIRED AT GC-III. INSTEAD, GC-III APPROVED RECOMMENDATION THAT UNEP CONVENE SMALL GROUPS OF GOVT EXPERTS WITH RELEVANT UN BODIES IN DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING FIRST STAGE OF GEMS. ACCORDINGLY, SELLA HAS ALREADY MET WITH CONCERNED UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR SERIES OF EXPORTS MEETINGS, FIRST TWO OF WHICH HE EXPECTS TO BE IN NOVEMBER FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER IN EARLY 1976. TOPICS NOT YET FIRM, BUT HE ANTICIPATES, SUBJECT TO FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH AGENCIES, THAT NOVEMBER MEETINGS WILL COVER MONITORING OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OCEANS, INCLUDING BASELINE MONITORING, AND OF IMPACT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE, WHILE EARLY '76 MEET-
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ING MAY DEAL WITH CLIMATE-RELATED MONITORING.

2. SELLA FEELS THAT, IN VIEW OF EXPRESS RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PARA 9 (I) OF UNEP/GC/L. 31/ADD.5

AND ADVANCED STATE OF HIS PLANNING WITH OTHER UN AGENCIES,
HE CANNOT CHANGE SIGNALS AT THIS POINT AND FOLLOW TASK
FORCE APPROACH SUGGESTED REFTEL.

3. FROSCH AGREED WITH SELLA'S POSITION AND, WHEN ASKED
IF EXPERTS MEETINGS COULDN'T BE CONVENED EARLIER THAN
NOV., INDICATED THAT THIS NOT FEASIBLE IN VIEW AMOUNT OF
PREPARATION REQUIRED FOR SUCCESSFUL MEETING. EXPERTS
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